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1. YOU SHOULD INFORM GCOB THAT US DELEGATION TO TALKS ON  
ARCHIPELAGOS AND STRAITS JANUARY 27-28 WILL BE LED BY JOHN  
NORTON MOORE, DEPUTY SPECIAL REP OF PRESIDENT FOR LOS CON-  
FERENCE AND CHAIRMAN OF NSC INTERAGENCY TASK FORCE ON LOS  
AND WILL INCLUDE MYRON NORDQUIST, EXECUTIVE ASSISTANT TO  
MR. MOORE; DR. ROBERT HODGSON, GEOGRAPHER, DEPT OF STATE;  
STUART FRENCH, DIRECTOR, LOS TASK FORCE, DOD; RADM. MAX  
MORRIS, JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF REP OF LOS; HOWARD POLLOCK,  
DEPUTY ADMINISTRATOR, NOAA, DEPT OF COMMERCE; AND CAPT.  
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GLENN YOUNG, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO DEPUTY SECRETARY OF

TRANSPORTATION, USCG. PARTICIPATION BY AMBASSADOR AND DCM IN THESE MEETINGS WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. YOU SHOULD INFORM GCOB OF COMPOSITION OF US DELEGATION.

2. NORDQUIST AND HODGSON ARRIVE NASSAU JANUARY 25 AT 1200 ON EASTERN FLIGHT 177. MOORE AND MORRIS ARRIVE NASSAU JANUARY 26 AT 1130 ON EASTERN FLIGHT 843. ALL OF THE ABOVE DEPART NASSAU JANUARY 29. ETA FOR OTHERS WILL BE SENT LATER.

3. PLEASE RESERVE SEVEN (7) SINGLE HOTEL ROOMS.

4. SCHEDULE FOR TALKS OUTLINED REF C (PARA 1) IS SATISFACTORY. WE APPRECIATE AMBASSADOR'S OFFER TO HOST LUNCH WHICH WE THINK EXCELLENT IDEA.

5. YOU SHOULD INFORM GCOB THAT WE WILL BE PREAPRED TO REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH GCOB ON MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE INCLUDING THE BAHAMAS WITHIN COMPREHENSIVE LOS TREATY PROVIDED WE CAN REACH UNDERSTANDING WITH RESPECT TO OBJECTIVE DEFINITION OF ARCHIPELAGO, UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH AND OVER ARCHIPELAGOS AND MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS. YOU SHOULD POINT OUT THAT ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE MAY WELL BE PUT TO VOTE IN GENEVA AND THAT IT IS HIGHLY DESIRABLE THAT WE SEEK AN EARLY UNDERSTANDING ENABLING US AND OTHER MARITIME STATE SUPPORT. YOU MIGHT ALSO HINT THAT TALKS WITH INDONESIA AND FIJI ARE GOING WELL AND THAT WE EXPECT AN EARLY UNDERSTANDING WITH THESE STATES WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THEM WITHIN ARCHIPELAGIC PRINCIPLE AND ENABLE STRONG MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED PASSAGE OF STRAITS. EMBASSY MAY PROVIDE GCOB WITH FOLLOWING SUGGESTED AGENDA FOR TALKS:

I. OPENING REMARKS  
II. DEFINITION OF AN ARCHIPELAGIC STATE AND ITS APPLICATION TO THE BAHAMAS:

A. APPLICABLE TO MID-OCEAN ISLAND STATES  
B. LAND-WATER RATIO  
C. MAXIMUM LENGTH OF ARCHIPELAGIC CLOSING LINES  
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III. LEGAL EFFECT OF ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE.  
IV. UNIMPEDED TRANSIT THROUGH AND OVER ARCHIPELAGOS.  
V. MODALITY OF MUTUAL SUPPORT FOR UNIMPEDED TRANSIT OF STRAITS AND ARCHIPELAGO PRINCIPLE.  
VI. OTHER ISSUES.

6. WE APPRECIATE VIEWS OF EMB ON QUESTION OF CONNECTION

BETWEEN ARCHIPELAGO TALKS AND DRAFT OPERATING RIGHTS AGREEMENT. IN OUR VIEW THERE IS NO CONNECTION BETWEEN THESE TWO ISSUES AND WE WILL SO INDICATE IF GCOB SIDE RAISES OPERATING RIGHTS QUESTIONS DURING ARCHIPELAGO TALKS. WE WILL ALSO MAKE CLEAR IF IT BECOMES NECESSARY THAT ARCHIPELAGO TEAM IS NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS DRAFT OPERATING RIGHTS AGREEMENT.

7. TEAM WOULD LIKE TO MEET WITH AMBASSADOR ON AFTERNOON OF SUNDAY, JANUARY 26 TO BRIEF AMBASSADOR AND STAFF AS APPROPRIATE AND TO OBTAIN EMB ASSESSMENT OF BAHAMIAN VIEWS.

8. WE HOPE THAT GEORGE P. STEWART, IN ADDITION TO ADDERLEY, WILL BE ABLE TO TAKE PART IN BILATERAL DISCUSSIONS AND EMB AS APPROPRIATE SHOULD ENCOURAGE HIS PARTICIPATION. STEWART WAS MOST ENCOURAGING IN INFORMAL TALKS WITH MOORE LAST SUMMER. KISSINGER

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